

By the King.

A Proclamation touching Glasse.

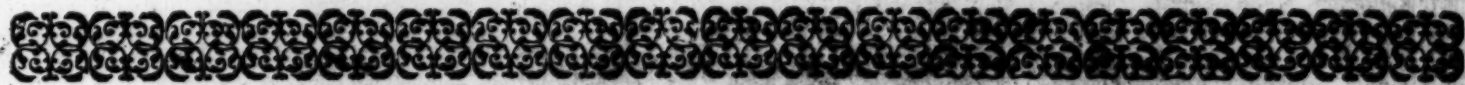



It hath bene of all times truly esteemed as a principall Patrimonie of this Our Realm of England, and a precious inheritance both of Crowne and Subject, in that Our said Realme hath yeilded goodly quantities and abundance of wood and Timber, in a manner & nature almost incomparable; for that the timber therof is not only great and large in height and bulk, but hath also that toughnesse and heart, as it is not subiect to rive or cleave, and therby of excellent vse for Shipping, as if GOD Almighty which had ordained this Nation to be mighty by Sea and navigation, had in his prouidence indued the same with the principall materiall conducting therunto: wherfore it being Our princely office and care, to cherish & second the blessings of GOD vpon Our people and Countries, and not to indure a wastfull destruction and consumption of them, and speciallie to prouide that matters of superfluitie do not deuoure matters of necessity and defense; vnderstanding that of late yeeres the wast of wood and Timber, hath been exceeding great and intollerable by the Glasse-houses and Glasse-workes, of late in diuers parts erected; we haue thought it highly to concerne the good of Our people to giue a speedy remedy to the same: And although the case doe so import the State of this Our Kingdome, as it were the lesse euill to reduce the times vnto the ancient manner of drinkeing in Stone, and of Lattice-windows, then to suffer the losse of such a treasure; yet GOD hath so prouided by the comfort and encouragement which we are accustomed to giue to new and profitable Inuentions, as the ciuilitie of the times may be maintained; and neuerthelesse, this great mischiefe restrained and auoyded, in that there hath bene discovered and perfected a way and meanes to make Glasse with Sea-cole, Pit-cole, and other Felwell, without any manner of wood, & that in as good perfection for beauty and vse, as formerly was made by wood. Therefore we doe by these presents straightly prohibite, constitute and ordaine, that from the day of the date of this Our proclamation, no person or persons whatsoeuer, shal melt, make, or cause to be
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melted or made, any kind, forme or fashion of Glasse or Glasses whatsoever, with Timber, or Wood, or any Fellwell made of Timber or Wood, within this Our Kingdome of England and Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, vpon paine of forfeiture of such Glasses made as aforesaid, and other punishment for their contempt in that behalf. And that also from henceforth no person or persons whatsoever, within any of Our said Kingdome & Dominion, shal erect or build, or cause to be erected or built, any furnaces, structures, engines, or deuises, for the melting or making of any kind or sort of Glasse or Glasses with Timber or Wood, or any Fellwell made of Timber or Wood, vpon paine of Our indignation, and such other punishment, which by Our Law or prerogative Royall may be likewise inflicted vpon them, any charter, license, power, authoritie or priuiledge to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And we doe hereby also straightly charge, prohibite, constitute, and ordaine vpon like paine as aforesaid, that from henceforth no person or persons whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter, import or bring, or cause to be imported or brought into any of Our said Kingdome of England or Dominion of Wales, or any part thereof, from or out of any Realme or forreine part or parts beyond the Seas, or out of any other of Our owne Kingdomes and Dominions, any manner, kind, or fashion of Glasse or Glasses whatsoever. And further vpon the like paine, that no person or persons whatsoever, that now be, or hereafter shall be the Trade or Occupation of retayling, selling, or bettering of drinking-Glasses, or other Glasses within any of Our Kingdomes, shall at any time hereafter, directly or indirectly, buy, bargaine, or contract for any kind or fashion of Glasse or Glasses made beyond the Seas, or in any other place out of Our said Realme of England and Dominion of Wales, to be imported into this Our Kingdome of England, and Dominion of Wales.

Given at Our Mannor of Greenwich the xxij. day of May, in the thirteenth yeere of Our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the 48.

God saue the King.



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